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SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE REFUGEES ABOARD ROC FISHING BOAT

REF: TAIPEI 2438, STATE 103392

1. SINCE DESPATCH OF REF B, WE HAVE RECEIVED A NUMBER OF REQUESTS FROM COUNTRIES WHOSE SHIPS HAVE PICKED UP VIETNAMESE REFUGEES. AS ROC IS AWARE WE HAVE ACCEPTED RESPONSIBILITY ALREADY FOR RELATIVES OF US CITIZENS, RESIDENT ALIENS AS WELL AS A LARGE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS ASSOCIATED WITH US. ADDING TO THIS OVER 70,000 VIETNAMESE AT SEA WHO HAVE NO PLACE TO GO, WE MUST REGRETFULLY CONCLUDE THAT THE VIETNAMESE PICKED UP BY THE ROC FISHING CRAFT ARE A ROC PROBLEM TO RESOLVE.

2. IF THERE ARE THOSE AMONG THE ESCAPEES WHO HAVE VALID CLAIM FOR IMMIGRATION TO THE US, WE SHALL BE HAPPY TO
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ENTERTAIN THEIR APPLICATIONS. KISSINGER

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